

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, June 29, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: *Chairman Mike Lawlor*, Under Secretary, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, OPM; *Josh Howroyd*, DCF, *Chief James Kenny*, CT Chiefs of Policy Association, Rich Sparaco, BOPP, *Tom Saadi*, Department of Veterans Affairs, *Commissioner Semple*, DOC; *Geralyn O’Neil-Wild*, CCADV, *Lori Daneen*, Public Member, *Gary Roberge*, Judicial Branch-CSSD; *Kevin Kane*, Chief State’s Attorney, *Chris Rapillo*, Public Defenders Office, *Commissioner Dora Schiro*, DESPP, and *Loel Meckel*, DMHAS

I. Introductions

Members from the commission introduced themselves.

This meeting was broadcast on CT-N. <http://www.ctn.state.ct.us/ctnplayer.asp?odID=14260>

II. Welcome and Policy Updates

- a. The Monthly Indicators Report can be found on the OPM website: http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/cjppd/cjresearch/monthlyindicators/monthlyindicatorsreport_june_2017.pdf
- b. No meetings in July or August
- c. Challenging budget situation currently, Monday July 3rd, governor issued, executive order budget all contractual programs with contracts that expire June 30th are not in a position to be renewed and will halt starting tomorrow (June 30th).
- d. Bail reforms enacted by legislature. Judges were briefed about this at the annual training for judges recently.
- e. The pre-trial screening was authorized by the legislature.
- f. MacArthur Justice and Safety Initiative, data use agreement seems unreasonable, negotiations have been going on for nearly a year and a half and Connecticut may go to a Tier Two level as a result of this, as are a number of other participants in this process.
- g. Brian Carlow and Suzy Story are retiring from the Public Defender’s Office and Chris Rapillo has been appointed to be the new Chief Public Defender starting October 1st, 2017.
- h. The Reimagining Justice Conference in Hartford, CT was well attended and a successful event. Recommendations that emerged from the conference were noted and will be taken into consideration. <http://portal.ct.gov/reimaginingjustice>

III. Approval of Minutes from April 2017.

Minor edits were noted and are reflected in the April minutes.

IV Commission Correspondence

No Commission Correspondence

VI. Presentations

- a. *Mike Lawlor, Ivan Kuzyk and Kyle Baudoin - Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, Office of Policy and Management Special Topics in Criminal Justice Presentation*

VII. Agency Updates

Department of Children and Families – 51 current CJTS census, moving forward with the planned closure of CJTS one year from July 1st, Request for information in early august for potential housing options in the private sector, consolidate all of the kids at CJTS in a single building

Chiefs of Police – many agencies are affected by the budget crisis

Board of Pardons and Paroles – 52% grant rate for release, expedited pardons started in November 2016, reviewed over 297 applications and grant rate of 82%, since 2014 the wait time for an pardon has gone from 20 and a half months to 7 months in 2016, and with expedited pardons turnaround time is about 4 and a half months.

Department of Veterans Affairs – SB 342 bill did not pass SB 914 did pass. An effort to look at the definition of veteran is accurate by the Department of Veterans Affairs and this could potentially affect departments in CJPAC. The current definition is based on the federal definition.

Department of Correction – 14,402 population, a consistent decrease about a 6% change, sentenced 10,589 compared to last year 7.5% decrease and accused population is a slight drop of 1.3% for the year comparison community numbers are up 5.1%. Accused population uptick of about 100, inquiring into why this is happening. Launching an effort into lowering the women's population, there is a draft document for intentions to reduce female population with a goal of 25% reduction.

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence – expanding of strangulation statute to include suffocation, stalking laws to include suffer and emotional distress as a qualifier, as well as increased penalties for violations of conditions of release, CCADV has hired Steve Grant as a consultant for 2 projects, 1) analyzing the lethality assessment program and 2) conducting study to analyze dual arrests. He will be working with CCSU.

CSSD – June 9th Opioid conference at Gateway Community College was successful. Treatment pathway program in Bridgeport has been successful, hopefully replicate it in New London and Litchfield counties. Second federal SMART probation grant that they received last year, just graduated a cohort of cognitive behavioral therapy supervision model, continue to train in that model. Specific office location in the fall for training. Bail staff is meeting with judges about the new bail law.

States Attorney's Office – Program starting with CSCCI with a grant through the singer foundation, treatment pathway program in Bridgeport a social worker type of person working in the courthouse with the prosecutors to divert people who should not even be brought into the criminal justice system.

Public Defender Office – Deputy Chief and Chief retiring and a number of GA officers retiring as well, so they are making sure they are utilizing their staff to the best of their abilities and placing them in the best locations within the public defender's office.

DESPP- Communicating with DOJ. The grants that come through DOJ and BJA – COPS grants and JAG information has not been released and so they are on standby regarding those grants. A number of meetings provided by DHS or the NJA. The focus of these meetings has been on

treatment of lethal drugs and hate crimes and interstate efforts. Revisiting practices of law enforcement, revisiting the annual use of force report and make it more suitable for external review. **DMHAS** – Pathways program in Bridgeport, put out an RFP received proposals on Friday and will be meeting with CSSD and choosing providers. The Alcohol and Drug Counsel is a statutory body co-chaired by DMHAS to come up with how best to meet the needs of people with addictions. This Counsel decided how best to spend the money from SAMHSA grant. DMHAS is starting a criminal justice subcommittee. Assisting Hartford and New Haven to develop law enforcement assisted diversion program.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

PJOR – Met last month and took a tour of the TRU unit at Cheshire CI.

Behavioral health – Meeting next week

Victim issues – no update

VIII. Public Comment

No public Comment

IX. Adjournment

Mike Lawlor adjourned the meeting at 11:10.